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Brother Harrison,

Your letter of the 1st was gladly received and perused. I have been so busy since we came to this place that I have not had time to write but very little for my self. I have been *righting* up the Regimental books, the Adj. wants them all straightened up before they throw us out of our job altogether which I hope will be mighty soon or as Searle says they "can't do it any *to* quick." When I wrote you before we were at Jenaly town, we are now camped about two miles from the Captiol, near Fort Lincoln, we are drilling every day as usual.

I have been down with Capt. Searle & Doctor Beecher to day to see Doctor Ross, it is about two miles from here, we went on horse back and had a fine ride. Doctor is a f[?]t as ever. He thinks you had better *pospone* North Wood tour *untill* we get there and we will go along with you. I think so too.

A good many think that we are going to wait here for the Army of the Potomac and Sherman's Army to get here, so as to have one Grand Review before we are mustered out, it will be a fine thing for the officers to show their good clothes for it may be the last chance they will have, for if they should be compelled to leave the service, the a great many of them will be in the Poor house in a short time.

The talk about camp nothing else but being "mustered out." I never have been so uneasy as I have since we came here.

Dan Keirey(?) got back to the Co. yesterday, most all of those dead beats are coming back now, since the fighting has ended.

I did not communicate to him and Jerry(?) what you told me to, but will if you insist upon it. Enclosed you will find a photograph which you will recognize as Adj. Coope(?), please have it preserved for me.

Give my love to all and write soon. I am very truly your Brother,

John F. Brand